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1. The Main Section for Government Orders (Hauptabteilung Regierungsauftrage) is one of the five main sections in the State Administration for Material Procurement of the DDR State Planning Commission. This Section has top DDR governmental responsibility for carrying out the material procurement orders of
    - a) the various central departments and organizations of the DDR government, and
    - b) the Soviet occupying power.
  2. The following is an organizational and personnel breakdown of the Main Section for Government Orders:
    - a) Head of Main Section, Arthur Posch, about 45 years old, SED member, formerly personal secretary of Erwin Kerber, fought in Spanish Civil War
    - b) Section 1, Central Administrative Organizations; Chief, Fritz Gohlke, about 55 years old, SED candidate, formerly SPD member.
    - c) Section 2, Procurement Office for Volkspolizei (Beschaffungsstelle Volkspolizei); Chief, Erwin Rahmo, about 40 years old, SED, resides in Zeuthen; Assistant Chief, Walter Guske, about 40 years old, SED.
    - d) Section 3, Special Programs; this section administers all procurement problems for key DDR industrial undertakings, especially where these projects have political significance such as the Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost. Chief, Udo Lange; about 30 years old, SED member and a fanatical Communist; Assistant Chief, Guenther Wierigk, about 27 years old, SED.
    - e) Section 4, Supply for the Soviet Occupying Power (Sowjetische Bedarfstraeger); Chief, Frau Gertrud Bethl, SED.

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- f) Section 5, Reparations; Chief, Otto Sanie, 35-40 years of age, SED member, resides in Berlin-Staken, also serves as liaison man between the State Administration for Material Procurement and the German Office of Reparations.

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